## **CLAIMS**

That which is claimed is:

A concentrated composition to be diluted with water, said composition comprising:
a suspension matrix having a concentration of water of less than about 5% by volume
prior to dilution; and

at least one surfactant dispersed in said suspension matrix.

- 2. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said suspension matrix comprises at least one viscosity modifier.
- 3. The concentrated composition of claim 2 wherein said at least one viscosity modifier is selected from sodium chloride, ammonium chloride and potassium chloride.
- 4. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said suspension matrix further comprises at least one fragrance.
- 5. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said suspension matrix further comprises at least one dye.
- 6. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one surfactant is an anionic surfactant.
- 7. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one surfactant is a nonionic surfactant.
- 8. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one surfactant is a cationic surfactant.
- 9. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said at least one surfactant is selected from sodium lauryl sulfate, cocamidopropyl betaine, lauramidopropylamine oxide,

sodium laurel sulfate, and sodium laurel ether sulfate.

- 10. The concentrated composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one active agent dispersed in said suspension matrix.
- 11. The concentrated composition of claim 10 wherein said at least one active agent is a topical medication.
- 12. The concentrated composition of claim 11 wherein said topical medication is selected from an anti-inflammatory, an anti-fungal, an antibiotic and an anti-irritant.
- 13. The concentrated composition of claim 10 wherein said at least one active agent is a pesticide.
  - 14. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is a detergent.
  - 15. The concentrated composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is a shampoo.
- 16. The concentrated composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one surfactant is suitable for use as a shampoo and wherein upon dilution of said composition with water, the ratio of said suspension matrix to said water is no less than about 1 to 13 wherein the concentration of said at least one surfactant in said diluted composition is no less than about 5% by volume.
- 17. The concentrated composition of claim 16, wherein said at least one surfactant is selected from sodium lauryl sulfate and cocamidopropyl betaine.
- 18. The concentrated composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one surfactant is suitable for use as a body cleanser and wherein upon dilution of said composition with water, the ratio of said suspension matrix to said water is no less than about 1 to 13 wherein the concentration of said at least one surfactant in said diluted composition is no less than about 4% by volume.

- 19. The concentrated composition of claim 18, wherein said at least one surfactant is sodium lauryl ether sulfate.
- 20. The concentrated composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one surfactant is suitable for use as an all-purpose detergent and wherein upon dilution of said composition with water, the ratio of said suspension matrix to said water is from about 1 to 50 to about 1 to 256 wherein the concentration of said at least one surfactant in said diluted composition is no less than about 1% by volume.
- 21. The concentrated composition of claim 18, wherein said at least one surfactant is sodium alkyl benzene sulfonate.
- 22. The concentrated composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one surfactant is suitable for use as a laundry detergent and wherein upon dilution of said composition with water, the ratio of said suspension matrix to said water is no less than about 1 to 256 wherein the concentration of said at least one surfactant in said diluted composition is no less than about 1% by volume.
- 23. The concentrated composition of claim 18, wherein said at least one surfactant is triethanolamine dodecyl benzene sulfonate.
- 24. The concentrated composition of claim 1, wherein said at least one surfactant is suitable for use as a window cleaner and wherein upon dilution of said composition with water, the ratio of said suspension matrix to said water is no less than about 1 to 256 wherein the concentration of said at least one surfactant in said diluted composition is no less than about 0.1% by volume.
- 25. The concentrated composition of claim 18, wherein said at least one surfactant is sodium lauryl sulphate.
  - 26. A method for providing a liquid cleanser, said method comprising:

providing a suspension matrix having a concentration of water of less than about 5% by volume;

dispersing at least one surfactant in said suspension matrix; and diluting said suspension matrix with an amount of water.

27. The method of claim 16 further comprising dispersing at least one active agent in said suspension matrix.